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PRESIDENT: Recognize Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, the material in this amendment is the material in 533 which is another retirement committee bill. We need to pass this particular legislation this session because of the fact that in LB302 we passed a couple of years ago we had a two year transation period. When these state employees became mental health, regional employees mental health center employees we have to protect their state benefits and ordinarily we could have waited until the next session and let 533 ride over except that we find out that for example Scottsbluff, North Platte and Lincoln, all three have federal programs that will be jeopardized if we do not pass it this year and give them sufficient time to transfer the title of the grants that they hold to the respective region or center that they are going and working with. Now, it takes 3 to , months to get a federal transfer of a grant. Consequently we have to have this passed this session in order to let them have the sufficient amount of time to let them transfer the grant, or prepare a grant that they are working under. I move the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the amendments? If not, the motion is to adopt. All in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Have you voted? Are you voting? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted. Any further amendments? Alright, Senator Barnett what will we do with the bill as amended.

SENATOR BARNETT: I move we advance it as amended. To E & R.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? If not the motion is to advance 189 as amended. All in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Bill is advanced. Next bill will be 249.

CLERK: Read LB 249.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, strike the word "shall" and insert the word "may" so it would be optional with the highway department to make that determination. The other one on page 5 line 12 strike the word modification and insert maintenance. It was an error in printing. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? If not the motion is to adopt. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Clerk will record. Record.